

**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. §1.63)**

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN IMPROVED LUER FITTING CONNECTION

the specification of which (check one)

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Full name of sole or first inventor
David G. Burton

Sole or first inventor's signature

October 31, 2007

Date

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Citizenship
U.S.

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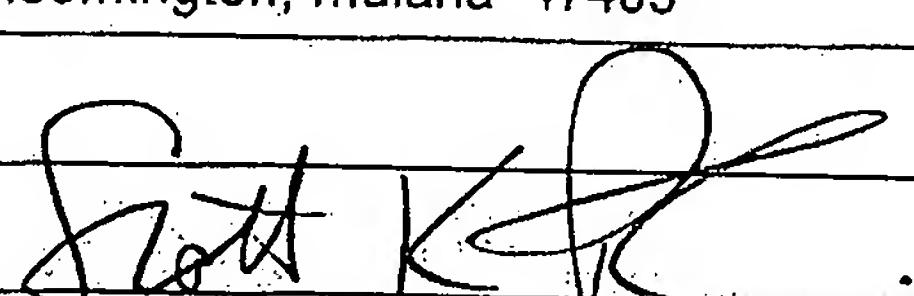
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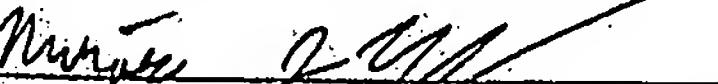
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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

For value received, I, David G. Burton, residing at 604 Glen Arbor Way, Bloomington, Indiana, 47403, U.S.A., hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **Cook Incorporated**, a corporation of the State of Indiana, having an office at 750 N. Daniels Way, Bloomington, IN, 47404, U.S.A., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, hereinafter collectively "Cook," and

For value received, We, Scott K. Philhower, residing at 1200 E. Winners Circle, Bloomington, Indiana, 47401, U.S.A., and Nicholas J. Ely, residing at 410 W. Ritter Street, Ellettsville, Indiana, 47429, U.S.A., hereby sell, assign, and transfer to **Sabin Corporation**, a corporation of the State of Indiana, having an office at P.O. Box 788, Bloomington, Indiana, 47402, U.S.A., and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, hereinafter collectively "Sabin,"

the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, and the entire right, title and interest, in and to certain inventions related to "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AN IMPROVED LUER FITTING CONNECTION" described in U.S. Non-Provisional Application Serial No. 10/594,181, filed on September 25, 2006, and all the rights and privileges in said application and under any and all Letters Patent or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and any reissue or re-examination thereof that may be granted in the United States for said inventions, together with the right to recover all damages, including, but not limited to, a reasonable royalty, by reason of past, present, or future infringement or any other violation of patent or patent application rights; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents. We also concurrently hereby sell, assign and transfer to Cook and Sabin, either jointly or individually, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions for all countries foreign to the United States, including all rights of priority arising from the application aforesaid, and all the rights and privileges under any and all forms of protection, including Letters Patent, that may be granted in said countries foreign to the United States for said inventions.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED: July 2, 2007



David G. Burton

DATED: _____

Scott K. Philhower

DATED: _____

Nicholas J. Ely

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STATE OF Indiana)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Monroe)

I, Christine Humphrey, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that David G. Burton, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this
2 day of July, 2007.

Christine Humphrey
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires: July 2, 2009

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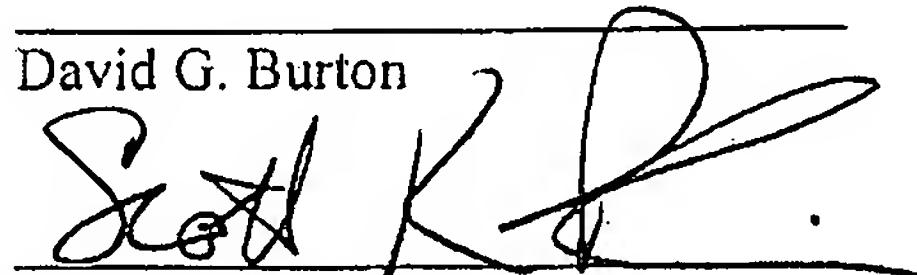
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I, Steven D. Anderson, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Scott K. Philhower, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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I, Kathy A. Mishler, A Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Nicholas J. Ely, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this
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